

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended)      In combination, a sod roll and A a mechanism for picking up said sod pieces roll and comprising a ~~plurality of piercing members~~ hook having a pointed tips, a mounting mechanism for mounting said ~~piercing members~~ hook above said sod pieces roll, an actuating mechanism to ~~actuate~~ rotate said ~~piercing members~~ hook for said tips to pierce said sod pieces roll and to support said sod pieces roll, and a moving mechanism for moving said hook with said sod roll supported thereby ~~sod pick-up device~~ to a location for releasing said sod pieces roll onto a support.

Claim 2 (cancel)

Claim 3 (currently amended)      ~~Apparatus~~ The combination according to claim 2 1 and including a screen below said hooks, said screen having openings therein and said tips of said hooks being sized to penetrate through said ~~spaces~~ openings for said hooks to pin said sod pieces roll to said screen, and for said screen to resist movement of said sod pieces roll while said hooks are is being withdrawn from said sod pieces roll through said screen.

Claim 4 (cancel)

Claim 5 (cancel)

Claim 6 (cancel)

Claim 7 (currently amended)      ~~Apparatus~~ The combination according to claim 6 3 wherein there is a plurality of said rolls and said rolls are positioned end-to-end to form a line of rolls.

Claim 8 (currently amended)     Apparatus The combination according to claim 7 and including a plurality of said lines of rolls positioned side-by-side.

Claim 9 (currently amended)     Apparatus The combination according to claim 6 1 and having only one said hook per to support said sod roll.

Claim 10 (currently amended)     Apparatus The combination according to claim 6 1 and including at least two hooks per to support said sod roll.

Claim 11 (currently amended)     Apparatus The combination according to claim 10 wherein said actuating mechanism moves said two hooks ~~of each~~ for said sod roll in opposite directions so that said hooks close in a pincers movement.

Claim 12 (currently amended)     Apparatus The combination according to claim 2 1 wherein a plurality of said hooks are mounted on a shaft, and said actuating means is adapted to rotate said shaft.

Claim 13 (cancel)

Claim 14 (cancel)

Claim 15 (cancel)

Claim 16 (cancel)

Claim 17 (cancel)

Claim 18 (cancel)

Claim 19 (cancel)

Claim 20 (cancel)

Claim 21 (cancel)

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Claim 22 (cancel)

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Claim 24 (cancel)